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To: Interested Parties

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Subject: Extension of CALFED public comment period, intent to produce a revised draft

In response to the many requests CALFED has received requesting the extension of the public comment period for the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, CALFED has recently announced the extension of the public comment period to July 1, 1998. In addition, in order to fully describe future decisions on a preferred alternative, implementation and staging, linkages, financing and assurances, CALFED has decided to prepare a Revised Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR for release by the end of the year. The Revised Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR will identify a draft preferred alternative and will be available for public review and comment before preparation of a Final Programmatic EIS/EIR in 1999.

Although you will have two opportunities to review and comment on the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR we urge you to be as thorough and complete in your comments as feasible during the current comment period. This will allow CALFED more time to carefully consider and incorporate your comments into the Program. Comments which help CALFED with upcoming decisions would be especially useful. These would include:

- the structure, content and organization of a preferred alternative and its implementation plan
- suggestions on the structure of a phased implementation plan, actions which should be contained in the first implementation stage and the linkages between those actions
- recommendations for financing and assurances and how they relate to the overall implementation of a preferred alternative.

Written comments should be addressed to:

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For additional information regarding the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR, please call the CALFED Bay-Delta Program at (800) 900-3587 or (916) 657-2666.

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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
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Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Current Programmatic EIS/EIR Schedule

